

TORCHERS ARE DOING NOTHING

Halibuter and Few Crafts Down from Boston in Here Today.

Sch. Preceptor, Capt. William McKay, arrived this forenoon from a fresh halibuting trip to Quero Bank, hailing for 18,000 pounds halibut, 10,000 pounds salt cod and 5000 pounds fresh fish. This is Capt. McKay's first trip since taking command of the craft.

The fleet at Boston brought down 90,000 pounds fresh fish, left over from yesterday's market, which sold at split.

Steamers Bethulia and Geisha, the only two gill netters fishing, had 12,000 pounds fresh fish between them.

The torchers are doing nothing these nights, while the steamers have seen no mackerel or bluebacks for several days.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Preceptor, Quero Bank, 18,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Albert W. Black, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Juno, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Harriett, via Boston, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Leonora Silveria, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Arbitrator, Provincetown.

Sch. Mettacommet, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.

Sch. Actor, shore.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Morning Star, haddocking.

Sch. James W. Parker, haddocking.

Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.

Sch. Ethel B. Penny, haddocking.

Sch. Albert W. Black, haddocking.

Sch. Adeline, haddocking.

Sch. Russell, haddocking.

Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver, haddocking.

Sch. Arethusa, haddocking.

Sch. Little Fannie, seining.

Sch. Marsala, Georges handlining.

Sch. Emily Sears, pollocking.

Sch. Teazer, halibuting.

Sch. Kineo, halibuting.

Sch. Monitor, halibuting.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.00.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.

Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75.

Salt drift codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Filthead halibut, 10c per lb.

Hake, \$1.80.

Salt medium mackerel, \$20 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.95; snappers, 75c.

Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.40.

Cusk, large, \$1.80; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, 90c.

Small pollock, 60c per bbl.

Fresh halibut, 11c for white, 8c for gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 to freezer; \$1.75 to salt.

Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$1.75 to freezer; \$1 to salt.

Fresh mackerel, 10 1-4c per lb. for small.

Fresh shad, \$5 per bbl.

PONTIAC HEADS LIST AT BOSTON

Fares at New Pier Today Mostly Small and Prices Good.

At Boston today, nine arrivals were reported, mostly small fares from the shore. Sch. Pontiac, Capt. Parsons, hailed for 52,000 pounds, and sch. Mary, 60,000 pounds, the largest fares.

Wholesale quotations on ground-fish were \$3 to \$3.50 a hundred for haddock, \$6 to \$7 for large cod, \$3 to \$3.75 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$3.50 for hake, \$2 to \$2.50 for pollock, \$2.25 for cusk. Some small lots of halibut sold at 12 cents a pound.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 5500 haddock, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Str. Swell, 50,000 haddock, 800 cod.

Str. Crest, 29,000 haddock, 7500 cod.

Sch. Pontiac, 34,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Valerie, 21,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1100 hake.

Sch. Eva Avina, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Mary E. Sennett, 1000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Ellen and Mary, 27,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 22,000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Esther Gray, 2000 cod, 12,000 pollock.

Haddock, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$7; market cod, \$3 to \$3.75; hake, \$1.50 to \$3.50; pollock, \$2 to \$2.50; cusk, \$2.25; halibut, 12 cents per lb. for white and gray.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Preceptor sold to the American Halibut Company for 11 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

DEATH STARED THEM IN FACE

Sch. Tattler in Gale at Virgin Rock Lost Rudder and Parted Cable With Breakers Under Lee—Capt. Geel Tells Story.

Further particulars concerning the accident to sch. Tattler, Capt. Alden Geel, of this port, one of the dory handling fleet fishing at the Virgin Rocks, tell of the hair line shave which the craft had from utter destruction in the recent heavy blow which near sent all hands to their doom. Not until Capt. Geel reaches home, however, will the whole story in all its details be learned.

The Tattler anchored off Virgin Rocks, Friday evening, September 25, and on Sunday came the unusually heavy gale during which the vessel's rudder was carried away. This was bad enough in itself, but nothing in comparison with what followed.

The wind suddenly hauled and the Tattler was right to the windward of the main ledge, with the worst breakers only 500 yards to leeward. Capt. Geel realized the situation and knew that it meant almost destruction to cut the cable, as the vessel was without a rudder.

All hands thought she might hold on, but about 5 o'clock, the craft parted her cable. With the breakers

under the lee it was a perilous moment but the staunch fishermen edged the white line of death, thanks to seamanship and what little rag of canvas the Tattler could show.

How it was all done, neither Capt. Geel or his men can say. A most thankful crew never sailed the sea for it was certainly a most narrow shave which they experienced.

The Tattler lost most of her canvas it being necessary to take what was left to make an emergency rudder means of which the vessel was guided to St. John's, N. F., where she went into dry dock.

On account of the accident, Tattler has not taken a fish for a month. Capt. Geel expected to leave St. John's October 6, as he had plenty of salt clams left and did not wish to dump them overboard.

The Tattler took on a new set of cable before leaving, about 10 fathoms. The Tattler has lost anchors, wire and 30 fathoms of cable. With the indomitable spirit which his, and determined to complete fare, Capt. Geel did not head up to Quero, but boldly drove out against the Virgin Rocks, the scene of the recent gamble with Dary Jones and the Tattler won.

Portland Fish Notes.

One of the largest fares of fish brought in here for a long time was that of the Gloucester schooner Margaret, which came in Monday from a four weeks' cruise of Georges Banks. She hailed for 9000 pounds of halibut, 70,000 pounds of fresh fish and 20,000 pounds of salt cod. She took out her halibut and about half her fresh fish catch at the J. W. Trefethen Co.'s sheds, and will go to Gloucester with the balance of her fare. The skipper reports the finest kind of weather on the Banks with fish plenty.

Probably Last Cargo of Year.

The Norwegian steamer Sigrun which arrived here Monday afternoon will probably be the last vessel this year to arrive with salt. The amount of salt that has been used here this year has been enormous, owing to the many trips of fish that have come here to split but it is estimated that there is now enough on hand to last for quite a while.

Capt. Vautier Going in Thelma.

Capt. John Vautier will take command of steamer Thelma while Capt. Elroy Prior remains ashore for a time. James Morash will go as engineer.

Having New Mainmast.

Sch. Bohemia is having a mainmast stepped at the Rocky Point shears.

On the Railways.

Steamer Scout is on Parkhurst ways.

Going Netting.

Capt. Herman Pennington is fishing sch. Motor for mackerel netting.

Changing to Haddocking.

Sch. Bay State, Capt. Archie Leod, is changing over from halibut to haddocking.

Going After Herring.

Sch. Arbitrator arrived here from Provincetown yesterday. She is being overhauled at Shute's wharf, will later be sent to Newfoundland for a cargo of herring under command of Capt. Antone C. Silva.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Mystery sold to the American Halibut Company for 11 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

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DOG FISH PESTER GILL NETTERS

Sch. Flirt, Now British Owned,
at Old Home Port With
Fish Today.

This morning's arrival list was comparatively small, but one off shore arriving.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith from North Bay, the first of the Bay seining fleet is here with 100 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Flirt, formerly owned here, but now under the English flag, brings 220,000 pounds salt cod from Fortune, N. E., for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

From Boston, sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan brought down 40,000 pounds fresh hake and sch. Corona, 50,000 pounds fresh fish.

Steamer Bethulia, gill netting, lifted yesterday, securing 7000 pounds mixed fish. The dogfish are still thick in the bay and not only the gill netters but boat fishermen as well are finding the pest a great menace and interfering with operations.

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Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh hake.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, North Bay, seining, 100 bbls. salt mackerel.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Corona, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary E. Sennett, shore.

Br. sch. Flirt, Fortune, N. F., 220,000 lbs. salt cod, 3000 lbs. flitch hake, 1 box smoked caplin.

Steamer Sawyer, seining.

Steamer Venture, seining.

Sch. Priscilla, pollocking.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Elk, haddocking.

Sch. Commonwealth, haddocking.

Sch. Priscilla, pollocking.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, Cape Porpoise.

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Cusk, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Flitch hake, 10c per lb.

Hake, \$1.80.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Haddock, \$2.50.

Salt medium mackerel, \$20 per bbl.

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Pollock, 90c.

Small pollock, 60c per bbl.

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Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$1.75 to freezer; \$1 to salt.

Fresh mackerel, 10 1-4c per lb. for small.

Fresh shad, \$5 per bbl.

GOOD PRICES AT BOSTON TODAY

New Pier Has Dozen and Half of Arrivals Mostly From Shore.

Just an even dozen and a half arrivals made the new pier at Boston yesterday afternoon and during the night. They were mostly shore fares, with a few from off shore.

Prices remain about the same, wholesalers paying \$2.75 to \$3 a hundred for haddock, \$6 to \$7 for large and \$3 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$3 for hake, \$2.50 for pollock and \$1.50 for cusk. A small trip of swordfish sold at 11 cents a pound.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Rebecca, 4300 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake, 20,000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Marion, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Ruth, 6000 haddock, 800 cod, 12,000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Marguerite McKenzie, 7500 pollock.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 10,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Rose Standish, 1500 cod, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Buema, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4500 hake.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 50,000 haddock, 45,000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Actor, 22,000 pollock.

Str. Ripple, 54,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Paul Revere, 10 swordfish.

Sch. Aspinet, 12,000 haddock, 3700 cod, 3000 cusk, 1500 pollock.

Str. Breaker, 60,000 haddock, 2200 cod.

Sch. Edith Silveria, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, 4500 haddock, 2000 cod, 1600 hake, 2500 cusk.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 32,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Laura Enos, 8500 pollock.

Haddock, \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$7; market cod, \$3; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$2.50; cusk, \$1.50; swordfish, 11 cents per lb.

NO MACKEREL IN NORTH BAY LATELY

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, High Line of Fleet, Home Today.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, the first of the seiners from the North Bay, arrived here this morning with 100 barrels salt mackerel. The vessel had previously shipped 226 barrels so the total catch amounts to 326 barrels of fish. The large mackerel run about 90 to the barrel while the mediums run about 190.

Capt. Wallace Walker reports that the fleet has left North Bay and is now fishing on the Cape Shore. The fish seem to have disappeared from

the Bay and for the past two weeks they have not been seen either in the Bay or on the Cape Shore.

The Fannie A. Smith has the largest catch of the fleet, followed by the Alert, Capt. Almon Mallach and the Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., Capt. Norman Ross. Capt. Walker says the vessels as a rule have not as many fish as has been reported. When he left, the average catch was about 90 barrels per vessel. He expects to see the fleet home in a few days.

While on the trip, the vessel parted her peak halyards, causing the main gaff to fall, breaking both the gaff and the boom.

Portland Fishing News.

The thick fog which has prevailed off and on the past two days has held up shipping everywhere in this vicinity, numerous vessels and tows of barges being anchored all along the coast waiting for the fog banks to lift. In the harbor and down the bay one of the thickest fogs seen this season shut down Sunday afternoon, it being impossible to see more than a hundred feet at one time, and the steamer Merryconeag coming up on her last trip from down the bay at 6 o'clock was delayed nearly 20 minutes in consequence, the greatest precaution being necessary in picking her way through the almost impenetrable mist.

Among the fishing arrivals Sunday was the schooner Marjie Turner, returning from a four weeks' trip on the Georges Banks, she having some 18,000 pounds of halibut and 3000 pounds of salt cod. The schooners Topsail Girl and Katie L. Palmer came in with good catches, but the majority of the local fleet are at the eastward somewhere in the fog. The mackerel draggers all put back yesterday empty, the fog preventing them from doing anything. The steam netters are also having indifferent luck of late. Several of them are now engaged in catching sardine herring, the Pet having brought in some 60 bushels the past two days.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

Codfish.—The situation continues unsatisfactory and we do not see any early relief in sight, due to the demoralization prevailing at Ponce, where, under the pressure of heavy and inferior stocks, goods are slaughtered or sent on consignment to places which are ordinarily supplied from San Juan. We quote sound cod as follows: \$32 per cash of 448 lbs. at San Juan and Mayaguez; \$30 and possibly less at Ponce.

Pollock and haddock.—There is no change in our previous quotation of about \$24.50 per drum of 448 lbs. on usual basis "net ex wharf."—S. Ramirez & Co.

New Vessel Named

The new knockabout schooner building at James & Son's yard, Essex, to be commanded by Capt. Robert Wharton in the halibut fishery has been named Robert and Richard in honor of Capt. Wharton's two sons.

The craft measures 140 tons gross, 108.8 feet long, 24.8 feet beam, and 11.1 feet depth of hold. She will be ready for launching in a few days.

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PETERSON AND GLYNN SHARE BIG

Sch. Rhodora, Capt. Gustaf Peterson, made a fine stock of \$3690 and the crew shared \$106.10 clear on the recent halibuting trip.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. John Glynn, stocked \$3423.73 and the crew shared \$83.19 on her halibuting trip. Capt. Glynn has done well since taking command of this vessel early this summer.

Capt. Mansfield Conroy, who comstocked \$2200 and her men shared \$44 stocked \$200 and the men shared \$44 on her recent shacking trip.

NO HERRING ON TREATY COAST

A telegram from Capt. Thomas Benham of sch. Athlete, the first of the season's Newfoundland herring fleet to arrive at Newfoundland states that there is no herring at Bay of Islands or Bonne Bay as yet.

It is still a little early for the fish, however, the fleet being earlier on the ground than a year ago. The first departure from here last year was October 28.

There was no herring yesterday at Bay of Islands.